

S-216  
William Costen House No. 1  
Near Wellington  
Private

c. 1850-1860

This two-story frame tenant house is a simple third quarter of the 19th-century dwelling located in north central Dublin election district. It is one of the few tenant houses surviving from William M.N.B. Costen's agricultural estate, which totaled close to 4000 acres by the 1870s. The unusually steep pitch to the kitchen roof gives the house an interesting appearance. All architectural details suggest the kitchen is contemporary with the front part of the house.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Costen Tenant House No 1.

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number N. Corner of Dublin Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Wellington ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert Ferrell

street & number Rt. 2 telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code MD. 21853

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William Costen Tenant House stands on the north side of Dublin Road and just east of the intersection with Cokesbury Road, near Wellington, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story two-bay tenant house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The c. 1850-1860 two-story two-bay frame house is supported by a brick pier foundation and is sheathed with weatherboards. The medium pitched roof retains its wooded shingles. A boxed cornice stretches across front and back and the gable ends are finished with simple bargeboards. A single-story frame kitchen with a steeply pitched roof extends to the rear.

The east (main) facade is symmetrically arranged with two 6/6 sash windows on each floor.

The south gable end has a single door opening on the first floor, a 6/6 sash window on the second floor and a 4/2 sash window that lights the attic.

Covered partially by the kitchen wing, the west elevation of the main house has two 6/6 sash windows on the second floor.

The kitchen wing is a one-bay by one-room structure with an interior end brick stove stack. A door is located in the south side and 6/6 sash window pierces the west gable end.

Attached to the north gable end is a single-story asbestos sheathed addition approximately twenty years old. An interior end brick stack rises through the gable end of the main house.

The interior of this structure was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This two-story frame tenant house is a simple third quarter of the 19th-century dwelling located in north central Dublin township. It is one of the few surviving tenant houses owned by William M.N.B. Costen in 1877.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-216

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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William Costen Howard  
House No. 1, S-216  
Dividing Branch Camp

1/200,000 FEET

26 MI TO U.S. 1

24 MI TO MD 384

(POLOMOKE CITY)  
SCALE 1:24,000



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WILLIAM COSTEN TENANT HOUSE NO. 1

Cokesbury vicinity, Somerset Co., Md

Southeast elevation

5/84 Paul Touart photographer

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